

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1652
BLATTMANN et al.)	Examiner: Meah, Mohammad Y.
Serial No.: 10/524,234)	Confirmation No.: 8676
Filed: December 1, 2005)	
For: MUTANT E. COLI APPA PHYTASE)	
ENZYMES AND NATURAL VARIANTS)	
THEREOF, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING)	
SUCH PHYTASE ENZYMES, VECTORS AND)	
HOST CELLS INCORPORATING SAME AND)	
METHODS OF MAKING AND USING SAME)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 20, 2008

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2008, Applicants respectfully requests that the following amendments be made. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to file the present Response. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

Specification Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).